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DISUBSTITUTED BICYCLIC HETEROCYCLES; THE PREPARATION AND THE USE THEREOF AS

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 1998, please enter the following elections and consider the application in view of these elections and the following remarks and the enclosed information disclosure statement.

It is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136 that the time permitted for response be extended by two months, so that such period will now expire on January 27, 1999. The necessary fee is paid by the enclosed Fee Transmittal (form PTO/SB/17).